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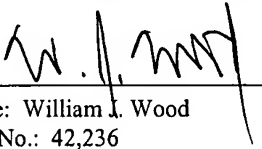
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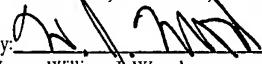
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With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. Included are references that were recently cited in an International Search Report.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted prior to a first Office Action on the merits, and also less than three months after the mailing date of a Communication from a foreign patent office in which the aforementioned items of information were cited, but before the mailing date of either a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113, or a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311. No fee is due as this statement is submitted as certified below under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) or (2) by the undersigned.

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Please direct any response or inquiry to the below-signed attorney at (310) 641-8797.

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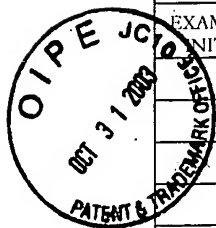
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